

Place: Raymond High School; Media Center
Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jonathan Wood, Chairman; Doug Vogel, Secretary; Bill Hoitt, Board of Selectmen Ex-officio; Gretchen Gott; Bill Cantwell; Don Hedman, Alternate.

Members Absent: Carolyn Matthews; Jim Kent.

Staff Present: Ernest Cartier Creveling, Community Development Director; Robert Price, Planning Technician.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Wood announced that Alternate Don Hedman would be seated for the duration of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Members Seated for Approval of Minutes: Jonathan Wood; Doug Vogel; Bill Hoitt; Gretchen Gott; Bill Cantwell; Don Hedman.

MOTION: Mr. Cantwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vogel, to approve the minutes of February 10, 2011 as drafted. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 6-0-0.

Public Hearing – Raymond Sand & Gravel, LLC Excavation Permit

Application #2011-002 – An application for an earth excavation permit has been submitted by Jones & Beach Engineers, Inc. on behalf of Raymond Sand & Gravel, LLC. The applicant proposes to crush, process and sell stone that has already been excavated, and is currently sitting on the ground. The applicant estimates the pile to be approximately 15,000 – 20,000 cubic yards. There will be no blasting. The applicant estimates the work will be completed in six months. The property is shown on Raymond Tax Map 37, Lot 10; 321 NH Route 27.

Members Sitting for this Hearing: Jonathan Wood; Doug Vogel; Bill Hoitt; Gretchen Gott; Bill Cantwell; Don Hedman.

Applicants/Agents Present: Kevin Cole, Jr. of Raymond Sand & Gravel, LLC and Brad Jones of Jones & Beach Engineers, Inc.

Abutters/Public Present: Richard Snow, Town of Candia Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Cartier Creveling stated this is not a new excavation site, noting the site has been actively excavated for a number of years. He noted there are a number of things that need to be completed in terms of reclamation on the site.

Mr. Cartier Creveling stated it is already known that the back part of the site has been overexcavated. He noted grading and drainage information is unknown. He noted the fencing at the top of the ledge face may be difficult of maintain, adding that the applicant needs to demonstrate how maintenance will occur being so close to the property line.

Mr. Cartier Creveling stated the applicant has stated on numerous occasions that they do not want to reclaim the site yet because they have a pending site plan. He stated his reply is that they do not have a pending site plan, as nothing is active with it. He added there are several outstanding issues needing to be addressed before any site plan application can be considered pending.

Mr. Wood stated for the record that the Board is only to examine this plan in terms of the applied-for excavation permit, noting that typically they are for a longer period than six months. Mr. Cartier Creveling stated the applicant has specifically requested six months to process and sell material remaining on the site.

Mr. Wood asked when the applicant proposes to start working. Mr. Jones stated the applicant would like to get started this coming spring. He added the six month time period would take them into the fall season if for some reason things don't work out as planned in terms of selling the material. Mr. Cole, Jr. added the hope is to get working by the end of March or beginning of April.

Mr. Jones read a letter dated March 03, 2011 that was written in response to the Technical Review Committee Meeting of February 24, 2011. A copy of this letter is on file in the Community Development Department.

Mr. Wood expressed concern with the lack of a drainage swale or drainage patterns showing on the plan. Mr. Jones stated there is no change being proposed to the drainage. He stated when the site is reclaimed it will feed toward the wetland at the front of the site.

Mr. Cartier Creveling asked if the final grade will be different than what is shown on the reclamation plan. Mr. Jones stated drainage is intended to flow across the site toward the wetland. Mr. Cartier Creveling stated the drainage pattern needs to be depicted on the plan somehow, be it with arrows or some other method.

Mr. Wood stated if the request is for a six month permit, and operations begin around April 01, 2011, then operation will be complete by October 31, 2011, and reclamation will be complete by October 31, 2012. He asked if this sounds correct, to which Mr. Jones replied it did.

The Planning Board agreed that, if a permit is granted, the fence needs to be fixed before any work can begin. Mr. Cole, Jr. stated he would fix the fence, and further clarified that the fence is not situated on abutting property, and that he will not need to step onto abutting property in order to maintain the fence.

The Planning Board also agreed that the reclamation plan needs to have the final grading, swale and drainage patterns shown.

Ms. Gott stated there have been issues with the silt fence and siltation of the wetland in the past. The Board discussed the idea of a condition of approval regarding this issue.

Mr. Wood asked about the pile of topsoil, and whether it is located in Candia or Raymond. Mr. Cole, Jr. responded that the pile straddles the town line as a result of the boundary line confusion that was discovered.

Mr. Wood stated he would like a note on the plan clarifying that there will be a membrane installed underneath the newly relocated parking area. Other Board members agreed.

The Board also requested that the Alteration of Terrain Permit number and all other applicable permits be identified, with their permit numbers, on the plan.

The Board also requested that the proposed weigh scale be removed from the plan.

Mr. Vogel questioned if there was enough money available in a bond to reclaim the site, if needed. Mr. Cartier Creveling noted that the Town currently holds a \$10,000 cash bond, but would get an opinion as to its adequacy, based upon four inches of loam and seeding.

WAIVER REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Cantwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hoitt, to grant the requested waiver from the Town of Raymond Earth Excavation Regulations, Article XIII, Section A. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 6-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Vogel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cantwell, to grant the requested waiver from the Town of Raymond Earth Excavation Regulations, Article XIII, Section A.6.i. The motion carried with a vote of 5-1-0, with Ms. Gott opposed.

MOTION: Mr. Vogel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cantwell, to grant the requested waiver from the Town of Raymond Earth Excavation Regulations, Article XIII, Section A.6.ii. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 6-0-0.

Mr. Hedman stated he had concerns with steady crushing noise throughout the summer. Mr. Jones stated steady crushing for about 15-20 days would eliminate the pile of material. Mr. Cole, Jr. stated if operations were to begin April 1, then crushing would be complete by the end of April. He stated from that point, the intent is to sell the material as fast as possible to get rid of it.

MOTION: Mr. Cantwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hoitt, to grant the requested waivers from the Town of Raymond Earth Excavation Regulations, Article XIII, Section A.6.iii and Article XIII, Section B.9. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0-1, with Mr. Hedman abstaining.

MOTION: Mr. Vogel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hedman, to grant the requested waiver from the Town of Raymond Earth Excavation Regulations, Article XIII, Section A.6.iv. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 6-0-0.

Ms. Gott stated she feels dust is not adequately controlled on the site. She noted an example of personally driving down the road and seeing a dust cloud come from the site. Mr. Vogel stated if complaints about dust arise, then the Board will follow up. He noted this is a new plan, and past issues are past issues. Mr. Wood stated the Board can add a condition of approval regarding fugitive dust not leaving the site.

Mr. Vogel requested that the applicant expand Note 18 on Sheet C2 of the plan to outline dust control practices.

The applicant was asked about the access road and if it will be obliterated. Mr. Cole, Jr. stated he would like to consider his options of keeping the road versus obliterating it, and stated he would comment on this at the next meeting.

Ms. Gott requested that the applicant somehow identify the location of the town line on the property so it would be easier to identify on the ground. Mr. Cole, Jr. stated he would have this done.

Ms. Gott asked when the membrane would be installed under the new parking area. She expressed concern that there would be frost in the ground prior to April 1. Mr. Cole, Jr. stated that would not be a problem, and it could be installed.

Ms. Gott stated this applicant has had compliance issues in the past, and that she would like to ensure things are different this time around. She asked about the possibility of regular site inspections, noting that they were done on a weekly basis several years ago.

Mr. Wood stated he does not see that weekly inspections are necessary for this plan, as it is more for a processing site than a true excavation site.

MOTION: Ms. Gott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hedman, for Town Staff to inspect the site thoroughly once a month. The motion failed with a vote of 2-4-0, with Ms. Gott and Mr. Hedman voting in favor.

MOTION: Mr. Cantwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hedman, for Town Staff to conduct a once-a-month, random, drive-by inspection of the site to ensure dust is being adequately controlled. The motion carried with a vote of 4-2-0, with Mr. Vogel and Ms. Gott opposed.

Mr. Wood summarized the items needing to be addressed by the applicant or the Board:

- The reclamation plan needs to have drainage patterns, a swale and grading shown
- The requested permit is estimated to begin on April 1, 2011. It is anticipated to expire October 31, 2011 with the site being reclaimed by October 31, 2012
- Silt fences must be installed and be functional
- A new membrane must be installed below the newly relocated parking area
- The Alteration of Terrain permit, and all other applicable permits and their corresponding permit numbers need to be added to the plan
- The title of the current excavation/site plan needs to be changed to read excavation/reclamation plan
- The Board needs a condition of approval, if/when the time comes, regarding fugitive dust not leaving the site

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MOTION: Mr. Cantwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vogel, to continue the public hearing for Application #2011-002 to March 17, 2011 at Raymond High School at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 6-0-0.

Work Session – Master Plan Revisions

Members Sitting for this Discussion: Jonathan Wood; Doug Vogel; Bill Hoitt; Gretchen Gott; Bill Cantwell; Don Hedman.

Mr. Wood noted the purpose of this discussion was to begin looking at the Master Plan to determine which chapter(s) the Board should begin updating.

Mr. Cartier Creveling noted that the Board received new information last year on the Mottolo situation and the resulting water line extension. He noted when the Plan was approved this situation had not yet occurred, and needs to be inserted into the Plan.

Mr. Cartier Creveling stated he would look for a good place to make this update, and report back to the Board.

The Board discussed how often the Demographics Chapter needed to be updated. It was agreed that it should be a while longer before that chapter is updated.

Mr. Cartier Creveling suggested that the Board do an analysis on the Plan's goals and objectives to see if any progress has been made.

Work Session – Other Business

Members Sitting for this Discussion: Jonathan Wood; Doug Vogel; Bill Hoitt; Gretchen Gott; Bill Cantwell; Don Hedman.

Mr. Cartier Creveling gave the Board an update on the Pond Road right-of-way situation. He noted the idea is to bring a plan before the Board on March 24.

The Board heard reports from its Members serving on other Boards and Committees.

Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Vogel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cantwell, to adjourn. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Price
Planning Technician